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Response to Non-Final Office Action

Sir:

Kindly enter this paper in response to the Final Office Action dated, January 7, 2010.

This paper is presented in the following sections: (1) Introductory comments, (2) Amendments to the Specification, (3) Amendments to the Claims and (4) Remarks.

Applicant requests and has authorized payment from deposit account 502735, such extensions of time as are necessary to maintain the pendency of this application.

(1) Introductory Comments

This paper presents amended claims and arguments believed sufficient to overcome the prior art rejection made in the outstanding rejection.

In view of applicant's presentation of the amended claims and the following remarks that point out the patentable distinctions over the cited prior art, it is believed that all claims should now be allowed.

Claims 3, 5, 6 and 8-15 are now present in this application.

No claims are currently cancelled.